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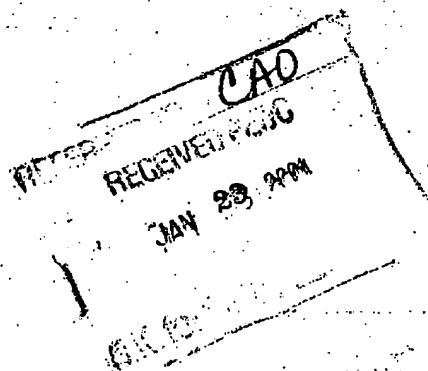
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Office Action Summary

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is action is FINAL.

ice this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.rtened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever per, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the ation to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of R 1.136(a).

sition of Claims

Claim(s) 12-17, 20-28, 31, 32, and 73-81 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 12-17, 20-28, 31, 32, and ⁷³74-81 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

ation Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

y under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants amendment filed 10-23-00 is hereby acknowledged. Applicants canceled claims 1-11, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, and 33-72, amended claims 12-13 and 22, and added claims 73-81.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 12-17, 20-28, 31-32 and 74-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicants argue that "A disclosure, as filed, is presumed to be enabled, unless there is reason to objectively doubt the truth of the statement relied on for enabling support." Applicants contend that the Examiner has not provided any explanation for why claims 23-28 and 31-32, drawn to a method of enhancing cognitive function, are not enabled by the specification. The specification provides guidance on how to make the compounds and provides guidance for method of testing compounds with art recognized models that demonstrate the cognition enhancing properties of the compounds. Applicants further assert "that the conclusion and opinions of the prior art are irrelevant, since Examples 8 and 9 of the instant Application demonstrate efficacy of the compound of the invention in art-accepted animal models. Nothing more is required under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph." Finally Applicants are contending that "Applicants are entitled to a generic claim without exemplifying every possible embodiment of that generic claim." Applicants have also submitted a declaration by Dr. Alan Faden in which it is stated, when making reference to assay method used to demonstrate enhanced cognitive function, that "these assays, alone, demonstrate a high likelihood that the disclosed compounds may be useful as a cognitive enhancing therapy for indication such as Alzheimer's disease." The declaration also states that ample guidance has been provided in the specification and further provides in vitro evidence in the affidavit showing that the compounds of the claimed invention block neural cell death after insults and in vitro model of ischemia(stroke)-oxygen deprivation and excitotoxic (glutamate-induced) free radical induced injuries. In the

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declaration, Dr. Faden also states, on page 4, that "[t]he claims in the accompanying response have been modified to reflect the fact that we only claim head injuries, spinal cord injury, and stroke."

Applicant's arguments filed 10-23-00 and the Declaration by Dr. Faden have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

First, as to the scope of the claims, the claims state a method of treating a neurological disorder or a CNS injury, said method comprising the step of administering an effective amount of compound of claim 12. The claims are broad in terms of the treatment of the neurological disorders and thus are inclusive of disorders such as ALS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's. The claims are not solely limited to head injuries, spinal cord injury, and stroke as Applicants contend. If Applicants intend such limitation, then Applicants are requested to amend the claims accordingly.

It is still the position that the specification does not provide ample guidance to the practice of the claimed invention. First the working examples provided in the declaration are drawn to the treatment of free radical and oxygen deprivation injuries. The art recognizes that neural cells can and do recover from such disorders. However, the specification nor the declaration provides any guidance as to the neuroprotection from disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and ALS. Applicants argue that the Examiner has not provided any evidence that the method claimed are not enabled. However, in the previous office action the reference of Patel was cited to indicate the state of the art for therapies in the treatment of Alzheimer's. The reference concludes, even after reviewing various known Alzheimer therapies, that the search for an effective cognition-enhancing therapy has so far proved elusive (see page 90). Applicants argue that this reference is irrelevant in light of the examples cited in the specification. However, the working examples do not establish the treatment of age associated impairments in performance on cognitive and memory task as a result of the presence of extracellular deposits of amyloid-beta. The examples recited in the specification are not art recognized animal models for the measurement of cognition enhancement as a result of Alzheimer. The working examples in specification and in the declaration fail to provide the correlation between traumatic brain injury and Alzheimer's. Finally, Applicants have asserted that Applicants are not required to provide guidance or working examples of every possible embodiment of the invention. Applicants are however reminded that the MPEP states that "[p]roof of enablement will be required for other members of the claimed genus only where adequate reasons are advanced by the examiner to establish that a person skilled in the art could not use the

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genus as a whole without undue experimentation." M.P.E.P 2164.02. In this case the art indicates undue experimentation for the treatment of neuroprotection and cognitive enhancement as a result of Alzheimer's

The Rejection is Maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 1-7 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stadler et al. (FR 1583797) is hereby withdrawn.

New Grounds For Rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 12-17, 20-28, 31-32, 73-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are drawn to a method of providing neuroprotection. However, the claims do not recite to whom such a compound is being administered to. Applicants are requested to amend the claims to recite "A method of providing neuroprotection to a person in need thereof, for time and under conditions to provide neuroprotection, said method . . . "

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Gupta whose telephone number is (703) 308-4001. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can normally be reached on (703)308-2923. The fax phone number of this group is (703) 308-4242.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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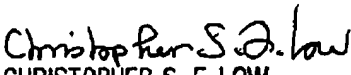

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-The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address -

THE REPLY FILED 7-11-01 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 6 mont months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____
 4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
 6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: 73.

Claim(s) rejected: 12-17,20-28,31,32 and 74-81.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
 10. ☐ Other: _____

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